

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display panel, comprising a step of:

coating a resin film on one of a pair of substrates facing each other;

forming a plurality of pillar spacers for distributing liquid crystal between said pair of substrates, by patterning the resin film;

optically cleaning the surface of the substrate where the pillar spacers have been formed, so as to avoid reduction in thickness of said pillar spacers; and

forming an alignment film on the optically cleaned substrate;

wherein in the optically cleaning, a light source having an emission peak in a wavelength range of 180 nm or less or 260 nm or more and not having an emission peak in a wavelength range from 180 nm to 260 nm is used.

2. The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein an excimer lamp is used as the light source.

3-4. (Canceled)